SOUTH CAROLINA

SBA DECLARATION #205 -- MILITARY RESERVIST ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM.

Small businesses employing military reservists may apply for economic injury disaster loans if those employees are called up to active duty during a period of military conflict existing on or after March 24, 1999 and those employees are essential to the success of the small business daily operations.

The filing period for small businesses to apply for economic injury loan assistance under the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program begins on the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends on the date 90 days after the essential employee is discharged or released from active duty.

To date, SBA has approved \$289,500 in disaster loans.

For further information, please call 1-800-659-2955.

SBA DECLARATION #10426 – DROUGHT THAT OCCURRED AUGUST 1, 2005 AND CONTINUING.

Small businesses located in the counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Edgefield, Hampton, McCormick and Oconee may apply for economic injury disaster loan assistance through the SBA. These are working capital loans to help the business continue to meet its obligations until the business returns to normal conditions. Physical damages cannot be covered by these loans. These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in the State of Georgia.

Only small, non-farm agriculture dependent businesses and small agricultural cooperatives are eligible to apply for assistance. Nurseries are also eligible for economic injury caused by drought conditions.

The filing deadline for economic injury loan applications is November 7, 2006.

For further information, please call 1-800-659-2955.